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FOR: PICKUP APPARATUS OF PIANO

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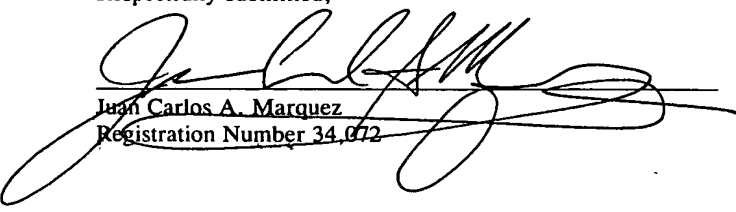
- ☒ 14 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ A certified copy of Japanese application number 11-123828. Priority is claimed if not already of record.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449 and references.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ A Verified Statement claiming Small Entity Status
- ☒ A Notice of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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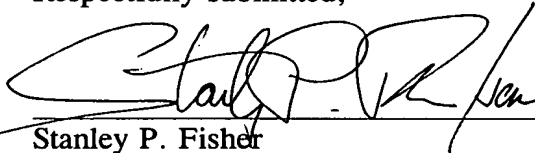
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of April 30, 1999, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 11-123828.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 11-123828 is submitted herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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